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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: ITOH, Akio

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Examiner: Matthew Warren

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For. **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING PLANARIZED UPPER SURFACE AND A SION MOISTURE BARRIER (as amended)**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 30, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002 for a second month from November 30, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$290.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

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